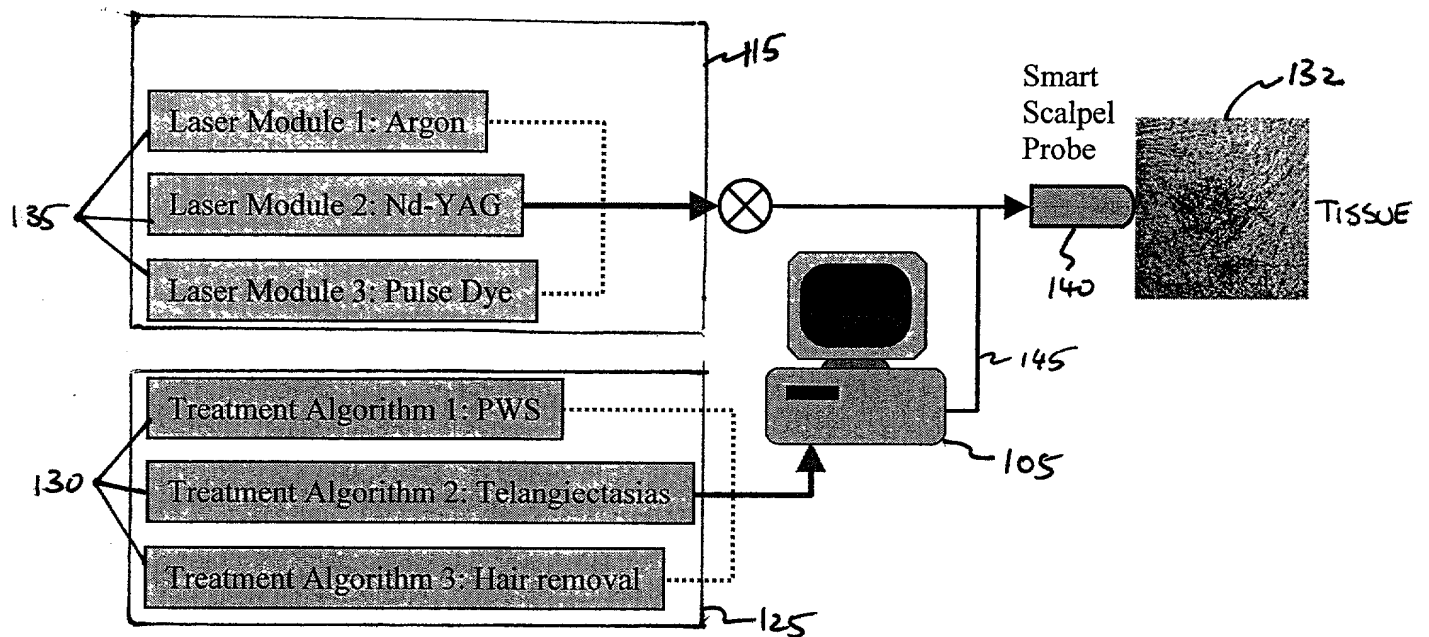
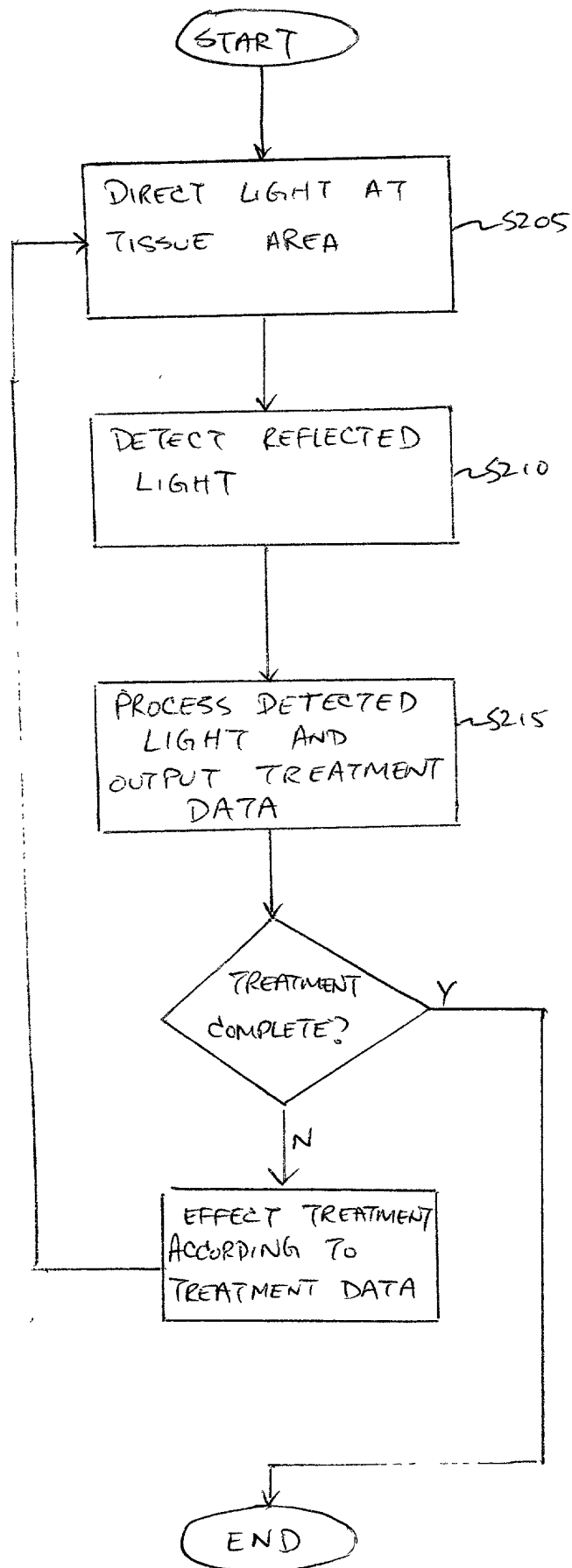


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**FIG. 1A**



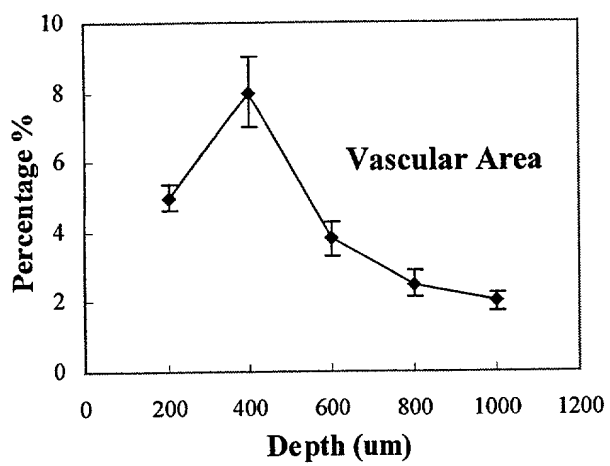
**FIG. 1B**

| Variable          | Unit                   | Mean        | SD    |
|-------------------|------------------------|-------------|-------|
| Age               | Years                  | 24.5        | 2.5   |
| Gender            | Male/Female            | 100/100     |       |
| Marital status    | Married/Single         | 100/100     |       |
| Occupation        | Student/Worker         | 100/100     |       |
| Religion          | Muslim/Christian       | 100/100     |       |
| Education         | High school/University | 100/100     |       |
| Income            | Low/Medium/High        | 100/100/100 |       |
| Smoking           | Yes/No                 | 100/100     |       |
| Alcohol           | Yes/No                 | 100/100     |       |
| Exercise          | Yes/No                 | 100/100     |       |
| Stress            | Low/Medium/High        | 100/100/100 |       |
| Sleep             | Good/Bad               | 100/100     |       |
| Appetite          | Good/Bad               | 100/100     |       |
| Weight            | kg                     | 65.0        | 10.0  |
| Height            | cm                     | 170.0       | 5.0   |
| BMI               | kg/m <sup>2</sup>      | 22.0        | 3.0   |
| Heart rate        | b/min                  | 70.0        | 10.0  |
| Blood pressure    | mmHg                   | 120/80      | 10/10 |
| Cholesterol       | mg/dL                  | 150.0       | 30.0  |
| Glucose           | mg/dL                  | 90.0        | 10.0  |
| Hemoglobin        | g/dL                   | 14.0        | 1.0   |
| Hematocrit        | %                      | 40.0        | 3.0   |
| White blood cells | /mm <sup>3</sup>       | 7000        | 1000  |
| Platelets         | /mm <sup>3</sup>       | 200000      | 20000 |
| Urea nitrogen     | mg/dL                  | 10.0        | 2.0   |
| Creatinine        | mg/dL                  | 1.0         | 0.2   |
| Calcium           | mg/dL                  | 9.0         | 0.5   |
| Phosphorus        | mg/dL                  | 3.0         | 0.5   |
| Magnesium         | mg/dL                  | 1.5         | 0.3   |
| Sodium            | mg/dL                  | 135.0       | 5.0   |
| Potassium         | mg/dL                  | 4.0         | 0.5   |
| Iron              | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Copper            | mg/dL                  | 1.0         | 0.2   |
| Zinc              | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Selenium          | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Manganese         | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Cadmium           | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Lead              | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Mercury           | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Chromium          | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Cobalt            | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Nickel            | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Vanadium          | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Molybdenum        | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Fluorine          | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Boron             | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Silicon           | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Aluminum          | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Antimony          | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Strontium         | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Barium            | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Lithium           | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Sodium            | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Potassium         | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Calcium           | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Magnesium         | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Iron              | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Copper            | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Zinc              | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Selenium          | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Manganese         | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Cadmium           | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Lead              | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Mercury           | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Chromium          | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Cobalt            | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Nickel            | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Vanadium          | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Molybdenum        | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Fluorine          | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Boron             | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Silicon           | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Aluminum          | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Antimony          | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Strontium         | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Barium            | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Lithium           | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Sodium            | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Potassium         | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Calcium           | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Magnesium         | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Iron              | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Copper            | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Zinc              | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Selenium          | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Manganese         | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Cadmium           | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Lead              | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Mercury           | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Chromium          | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Cobalt            | mg/dL                  | 100.0       | 20.0  |
| Nickel            | mg/dL</                |             |       |

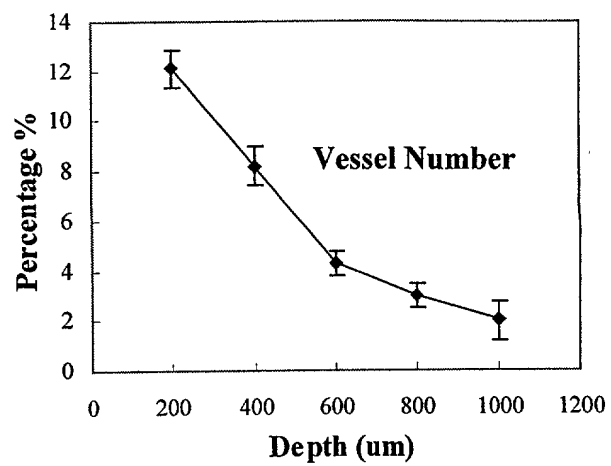


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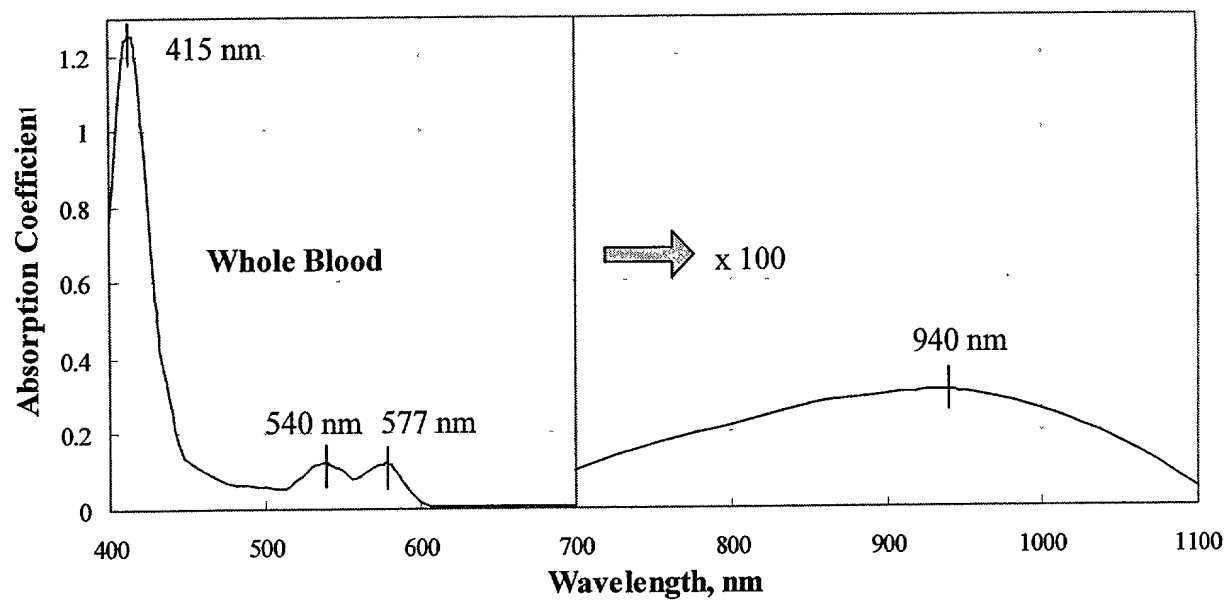
FIG. 2



**FIG. 3A**



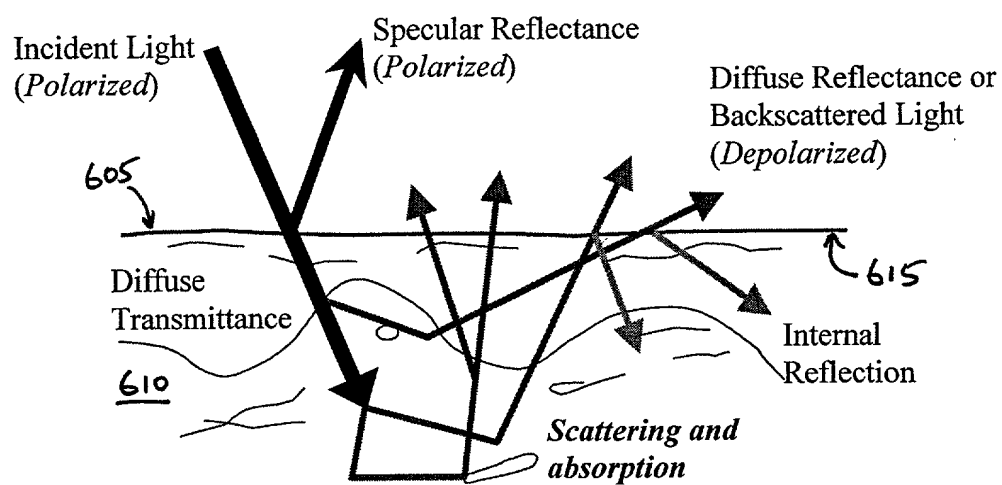
**FIG. 3B**



**FIG. 4**

| <b>Laser</b>                       | <b>Wavelength (nm)</b> | <b>Treat Fluence (J/cm<sup>2</sup>)</b> | <b>Type</b> |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|---|-------------|
| Argon                              | 488, 514               | 1-10                                    | CW          |
| Classic KTP                        | 532                    | 10-40                                   | CW          |
| Cu or Cu-Br                        | 512-578                | 1-10                                    | CW          |
| Krypton                            | 570                    | 1-10                                    | CW          |
| Pulse dye (yellow)                 | 585                    | 4-8                                     | Pulsed      |
| Derm-KTP                           | 532                    | 2-20                                    | Pulsed      |
| Pulsed dye (green)                 | 510                    | 3-5                                     | Pulsed      |
| Q-sw. Nd:YAG – green<br>- infrared | 532<br>1064            | 3-5<br>4-10                             | Pulsed      |
| Q-sw. Ruby (red)                   | 694                    | 4-10                                    | Pulsed      |
| Q-sw. Alexandrite (infrared)       | 755                    | 4-10                                    | Pulsed      |

**FIG. 5**

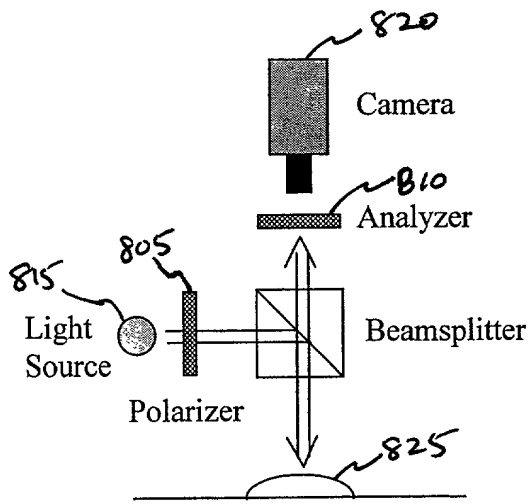


**FIG. 6**

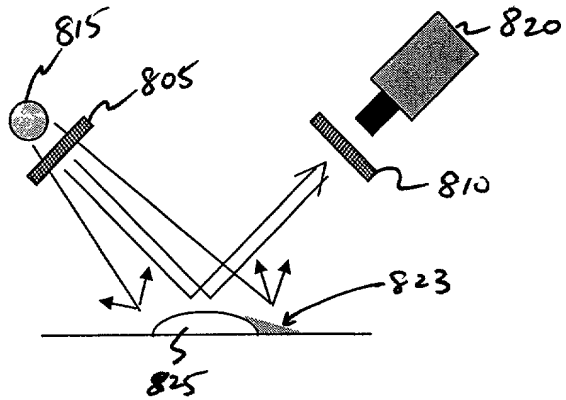
| Tissue       | $\lambda$ (nm) | $\mu_a$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> ) | $\mu_s$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> ) | $G$  | $\mu_s'$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> ) | $\mu_t$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> ) |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Human dermis | 633            | 0.27                        | 18.7                        | 0.81 | 3.553                        | 3.823                       |

**FIG. 7**

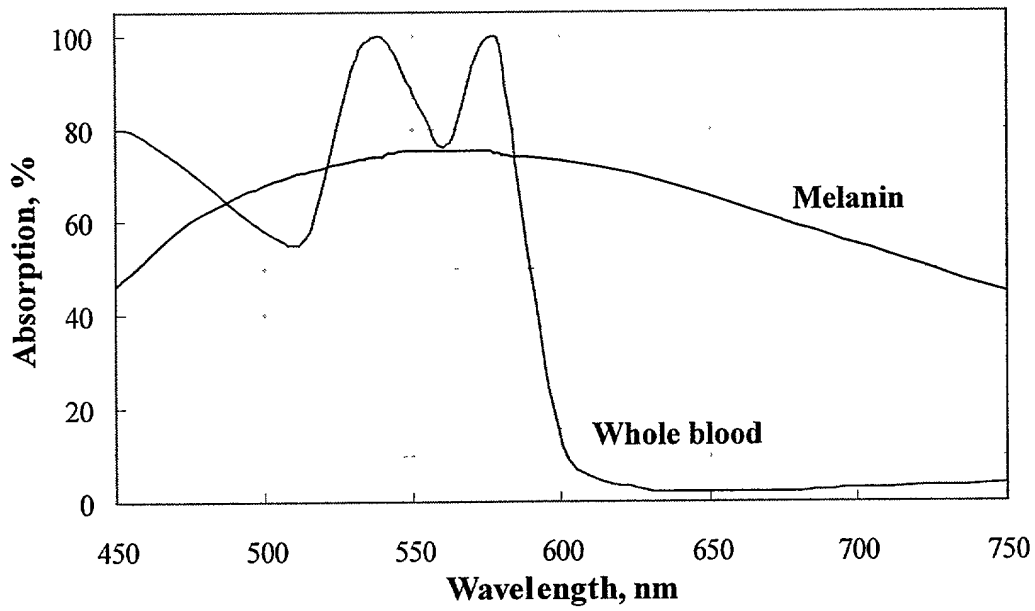
FIG. 8A



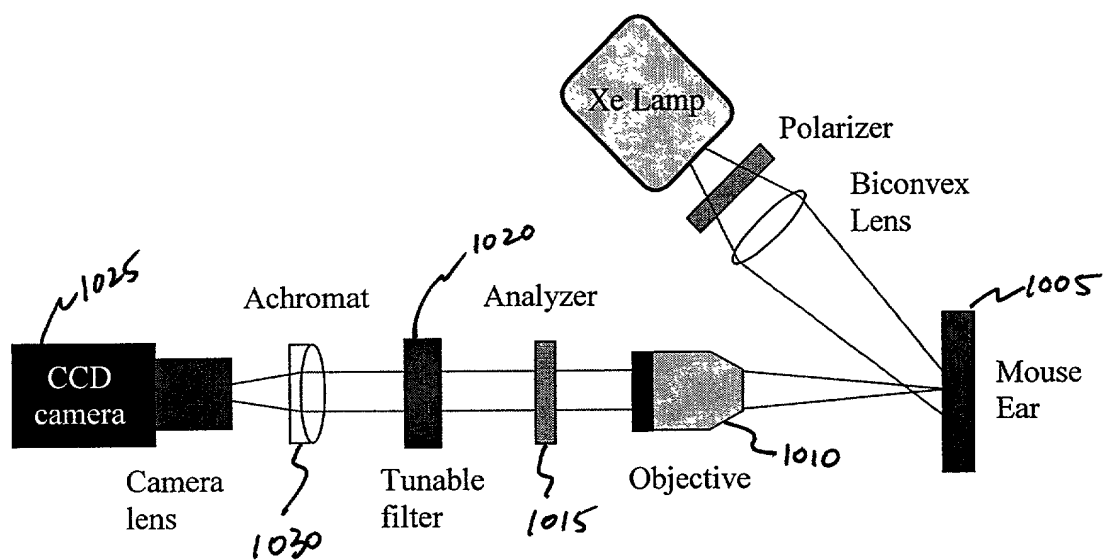
**FIG. 8A**



**FIG. 8B**

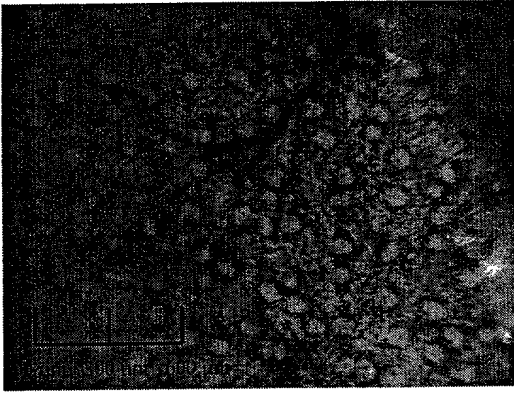


**FIG. 9**



1000  
**FIG. 10**





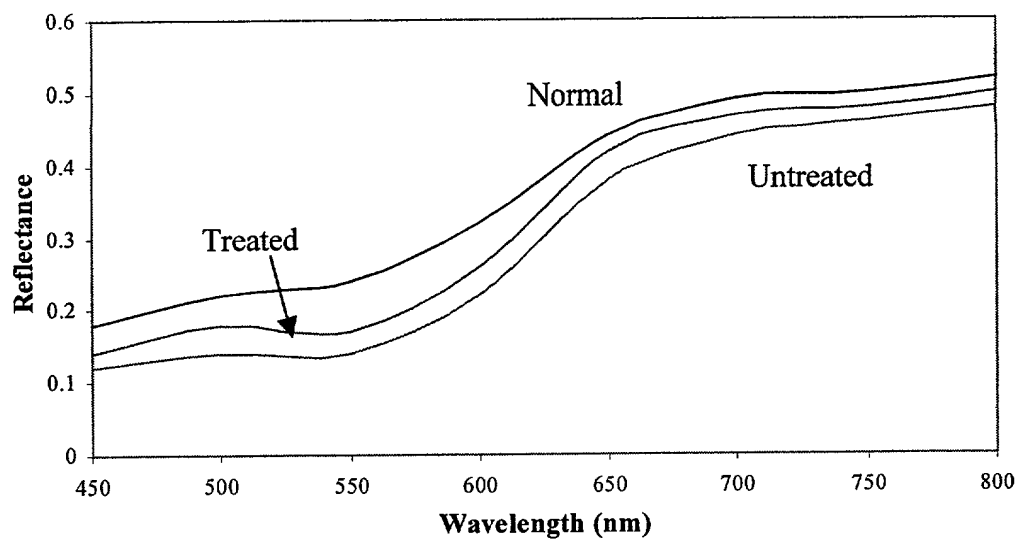
**FIG. 11A**



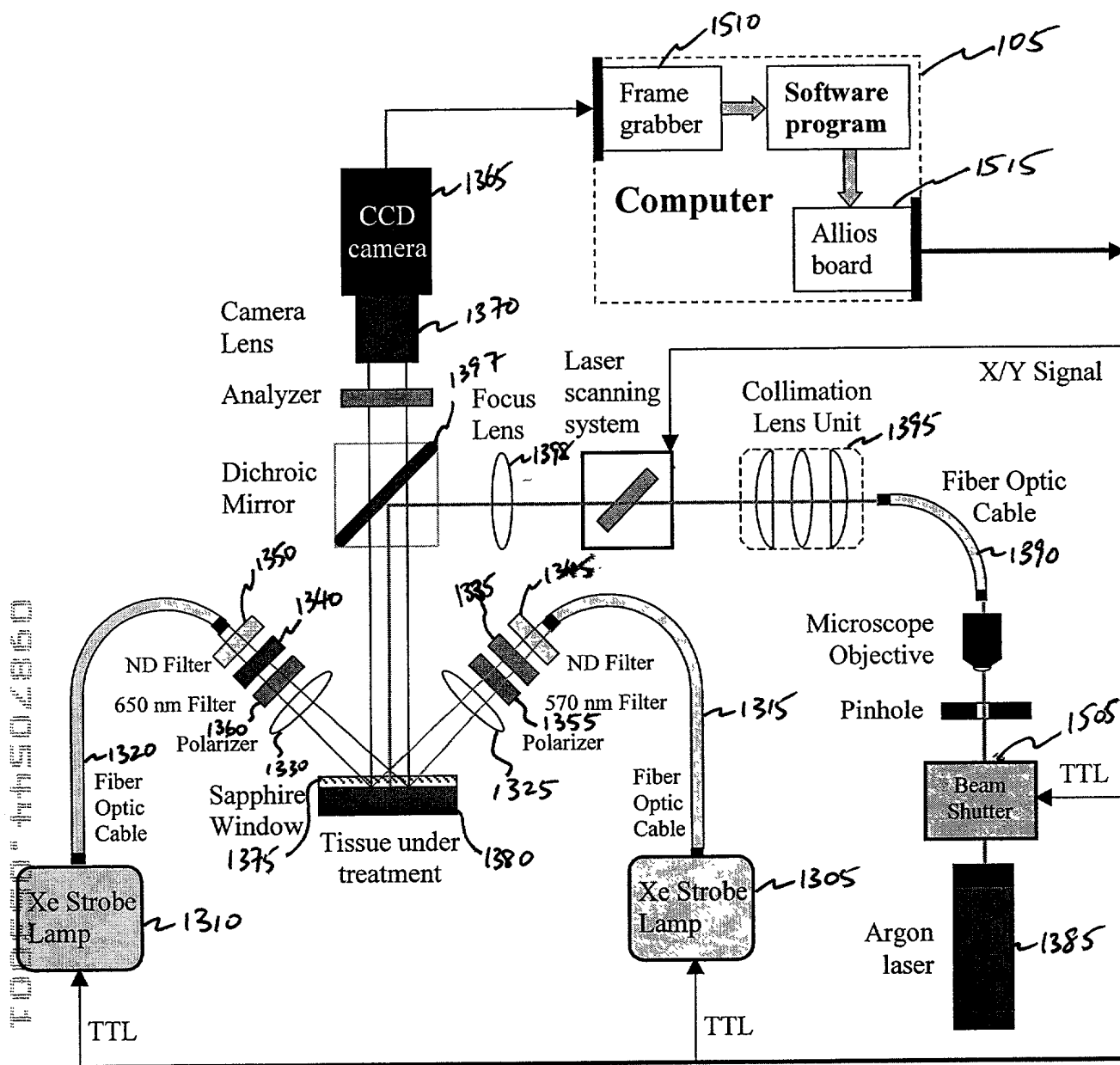
**FIG. 11B**



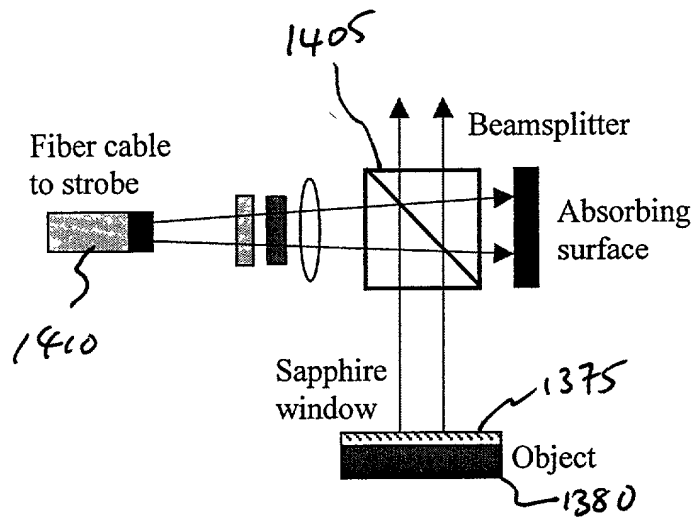
**FIG. 11C**



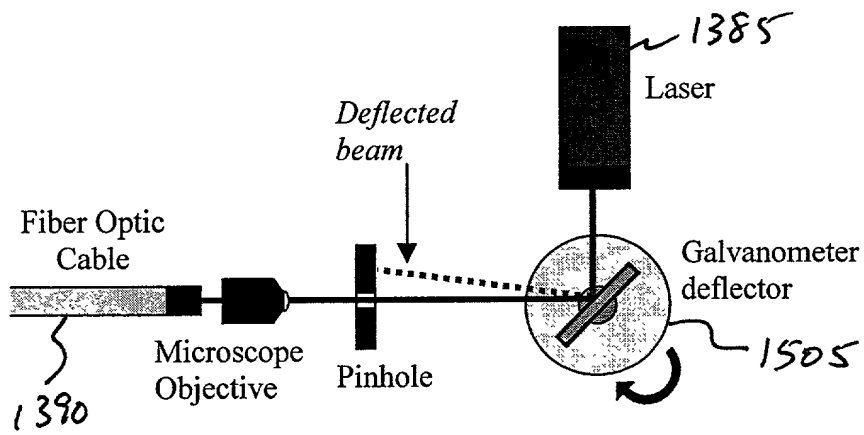
**FIG. 12**



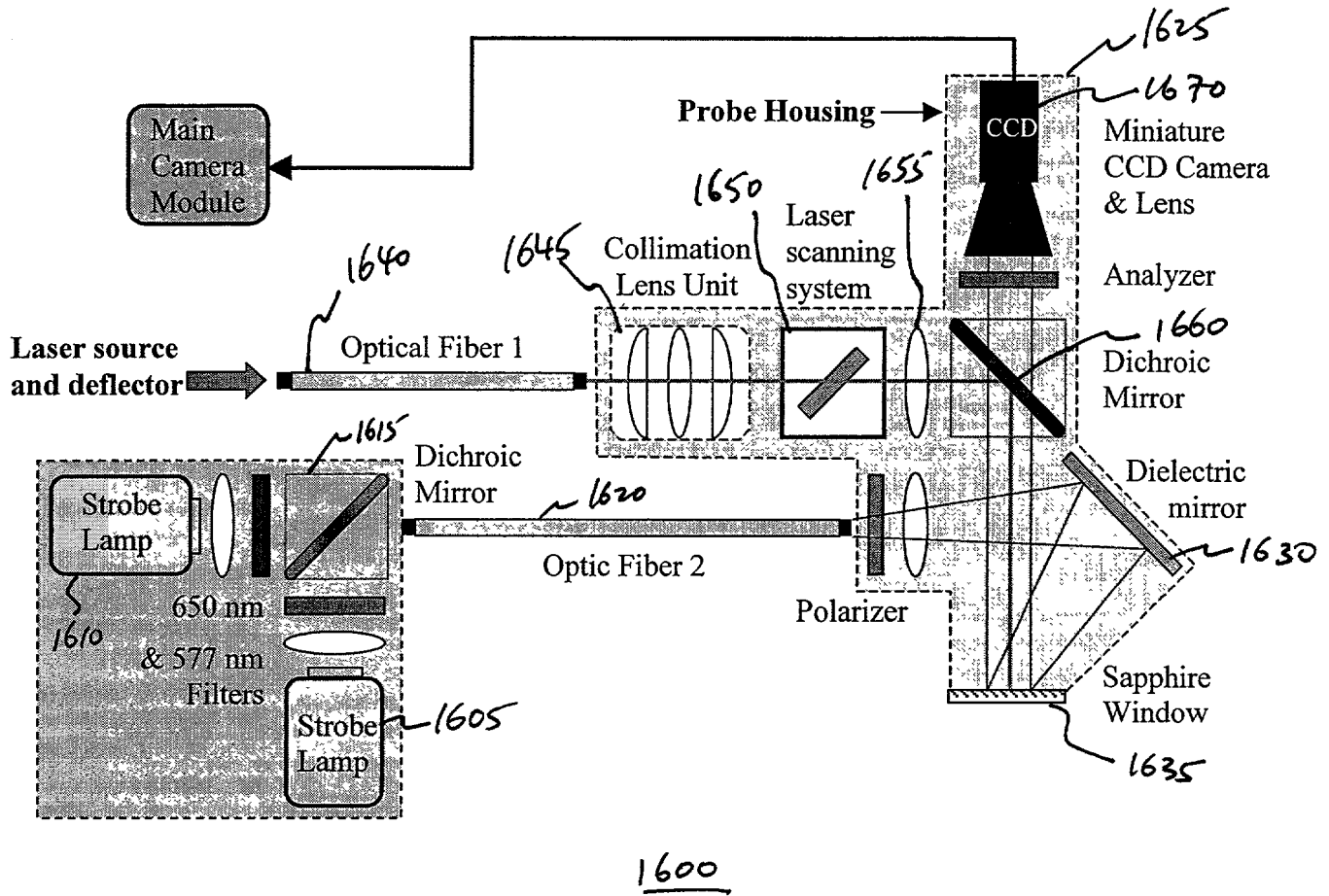
1300  
FIG. 13



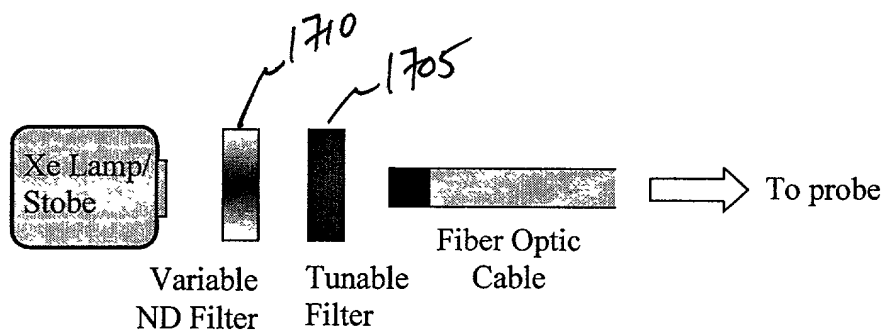
**FIG. 14**



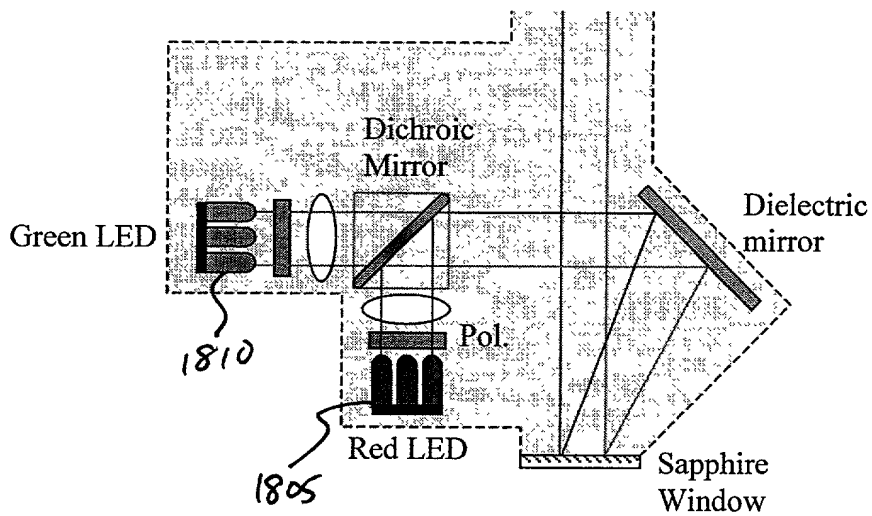
**FIG. 15**



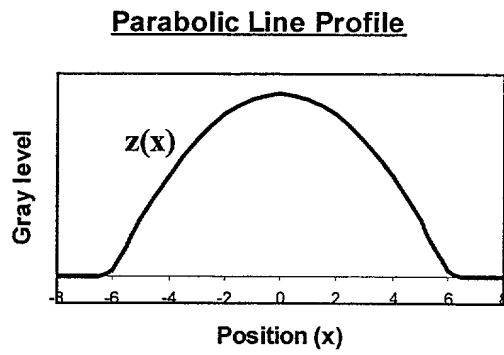
**FIG. 16**



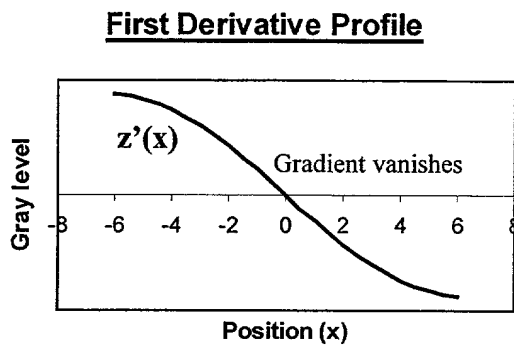
**FIG. 17**



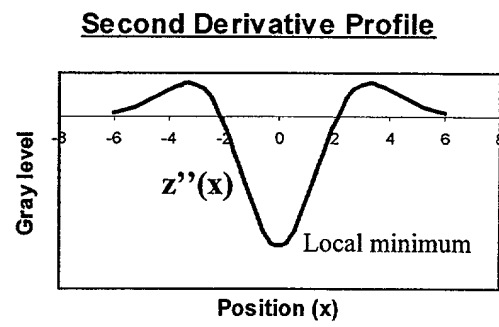
**FIG. 18**



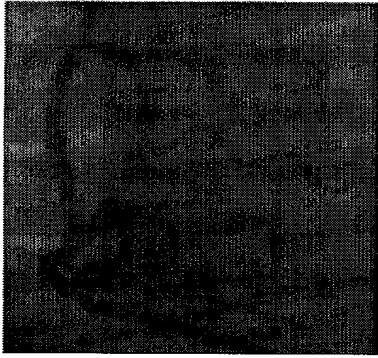
**FIG. 19A**



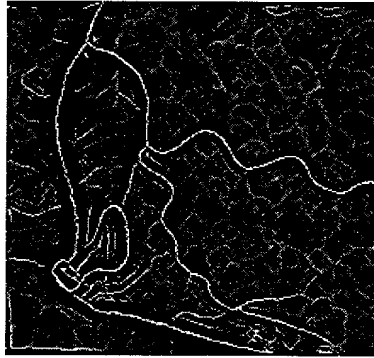
**FIG. 19B**



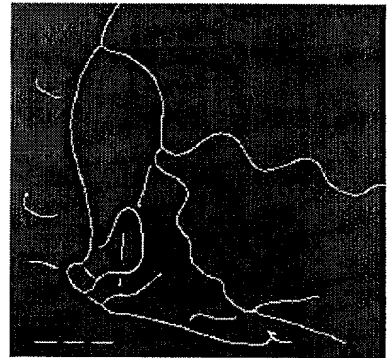
**FIG. 19C**



**FIG. 20A**

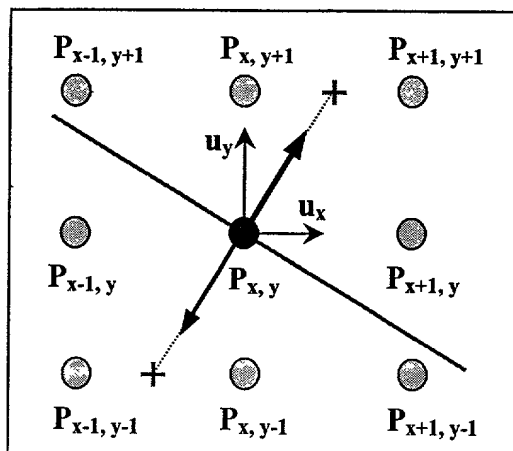


**FIG. 20B**

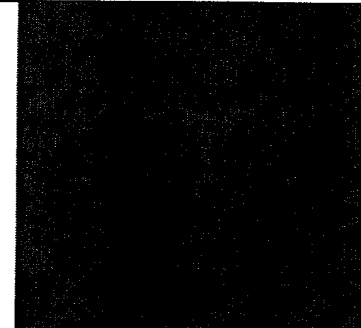
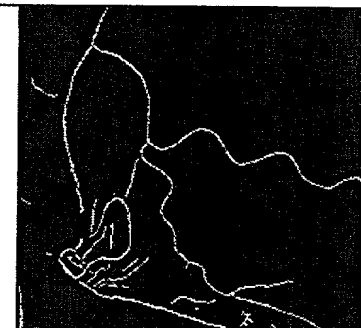


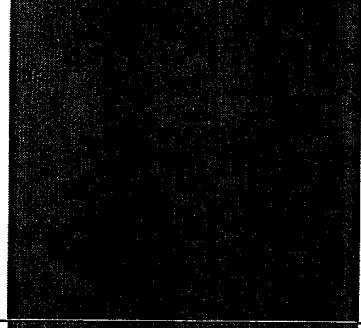

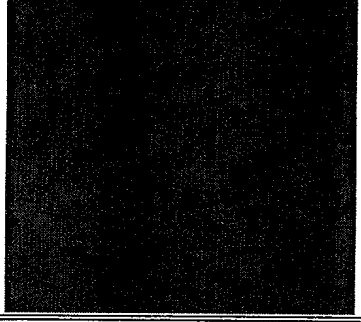
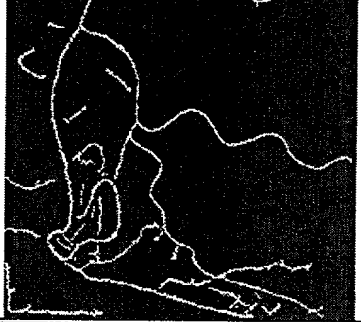


**FIG. 20C**





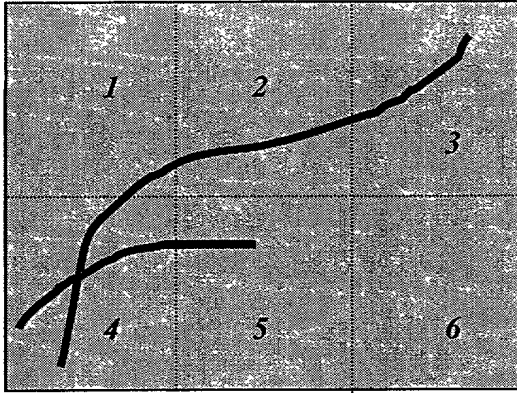
**FIG. 21**

| Characteristic of Noise Added         | Noise added image   | Result of algorithm   |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| No noise added                        |    |    |
| $\mu = 0.0$<br>$\sigma = 0.00008$     |    |    |
| $\mu = 0.0$<br>$\sigma = 0.0002$      |   |   |
| Histogram rescaled to reduce contrast |  |  |

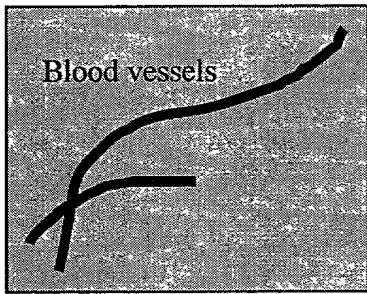
**FIG. 22**

| No. | Process   | Time (sec) |
|-----|---|------------|
| 1.  | Direct Convolution: $\sigma = 3.0$  | 3.9        |
| 2a. | Recursive Filtering: $\sigma = 3.0$<br><i>4<sup>th</sup> order IIR filter</i> | 3.3        |
| 2b. | <i>3<sup>rd</sup> order IIR filter</i>  | 3.0        |

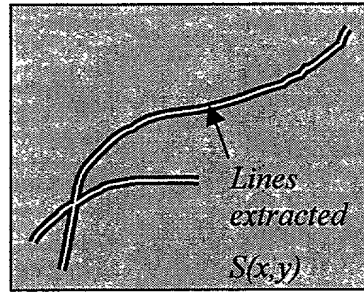
**FIG. 23**



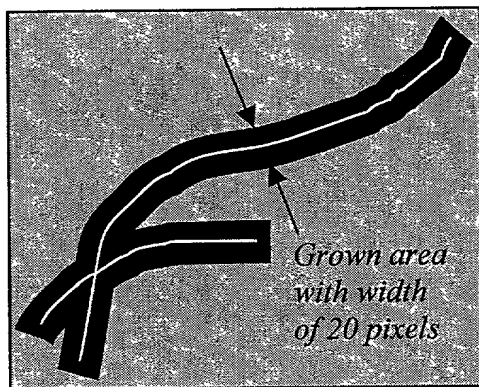
**FIG. 24A**



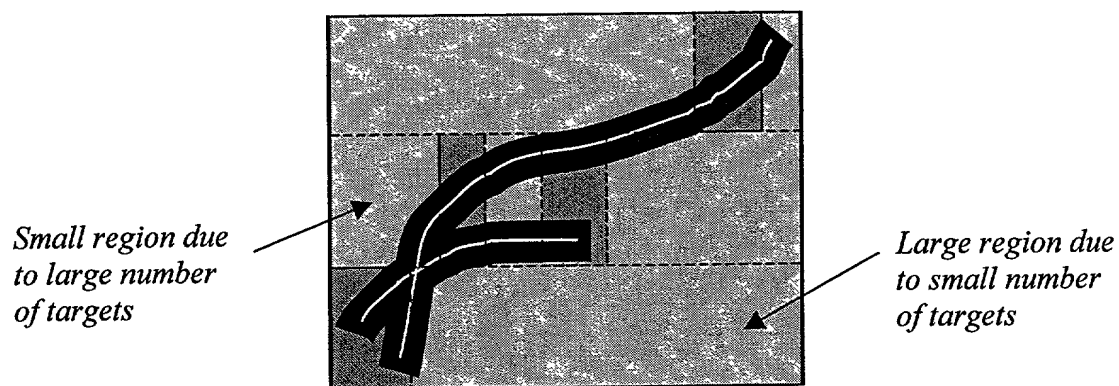
**FIG. 24B**



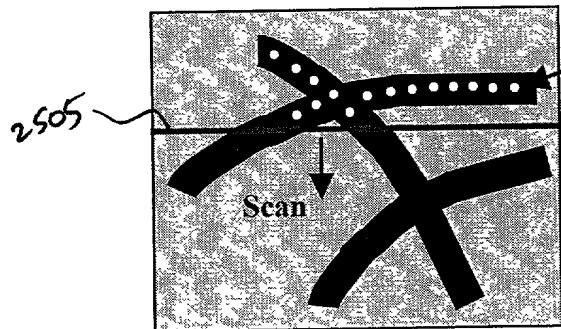
**FIG. 24C**



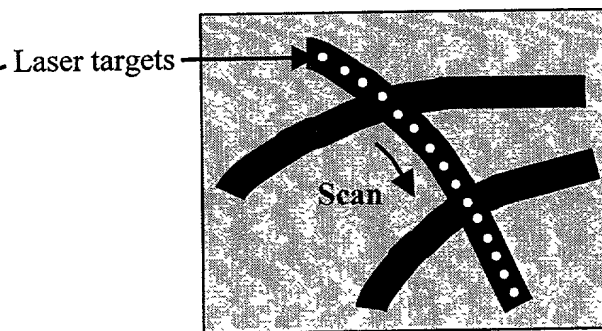
**FIG. 24D**



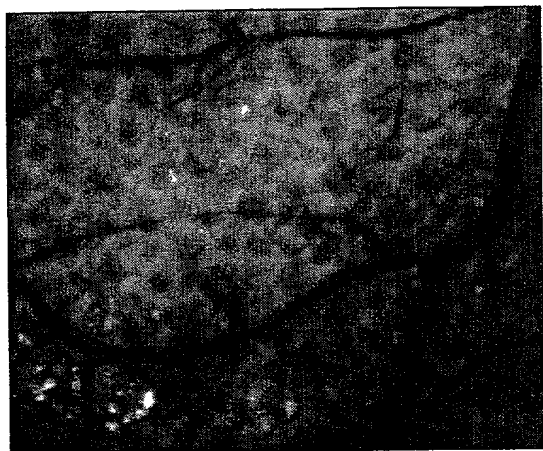
**FIG. 24E**



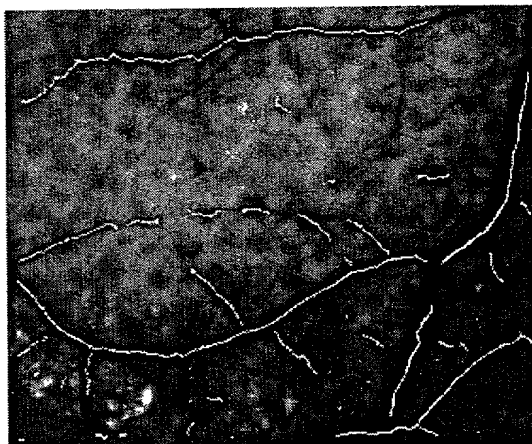
**FIG. 25A**



**FIG. 25B**



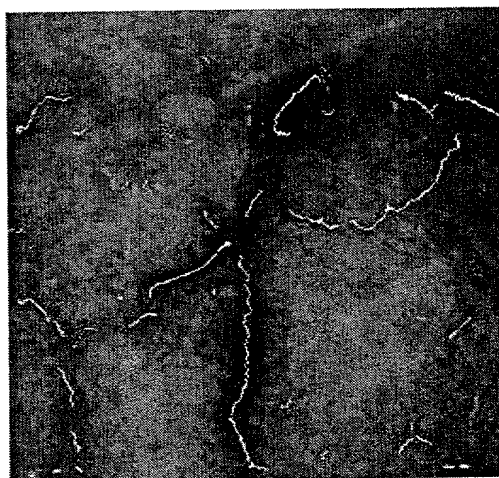
**FIG. 26A**



**FIG. 26B**



**FIG. 27A**



**FIG. 27B**

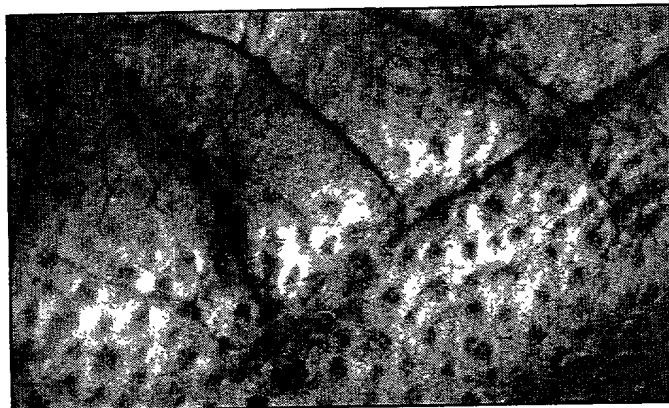
FIG. 26A

|               |                                      |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| Laser         | Coherent Innova 100 CW Argon Laser   |
| Wavelength    | 514 nm                               |
| Beam diameter | 750 $\mu\text{m}$                    |
| Power         | 1 watt                               |
| Pulse width   | 80 ms (CW laser pulsed mechanically) |
| Fluence       | $18.1 \times 10^4 \text{ J/m}^2$     |

*Treatment laser parameters*

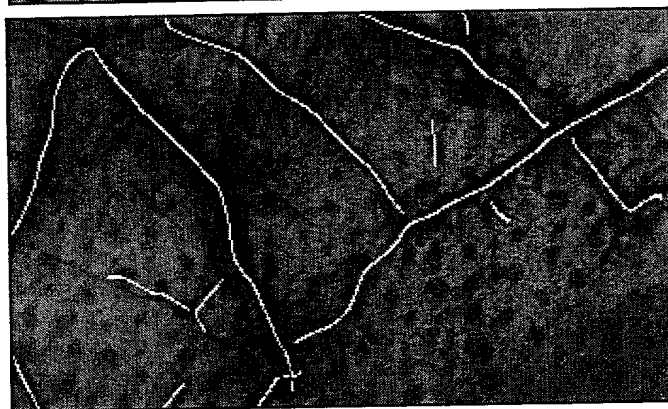
**FIG. 28**





*Blood vessels before treatment  
(illumination at 577 nm).*

**FIG. 29A**



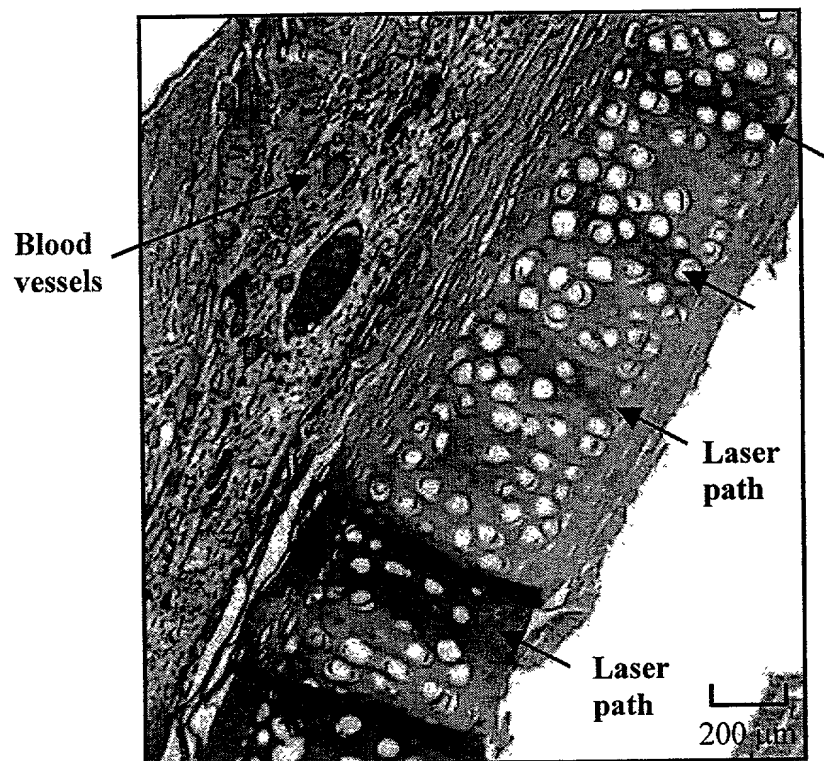
*Targets identified by the Smart  
Scalpel.*

**FIG. 29B**



*Blood vessels immediately after  
treatment.*

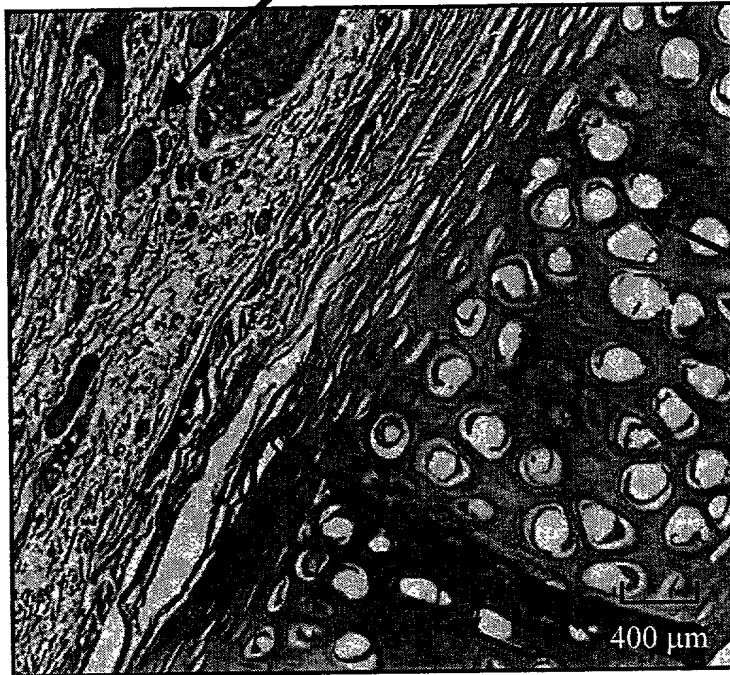
**FIG. 29C**



*Histology results*

**FIG. 30**

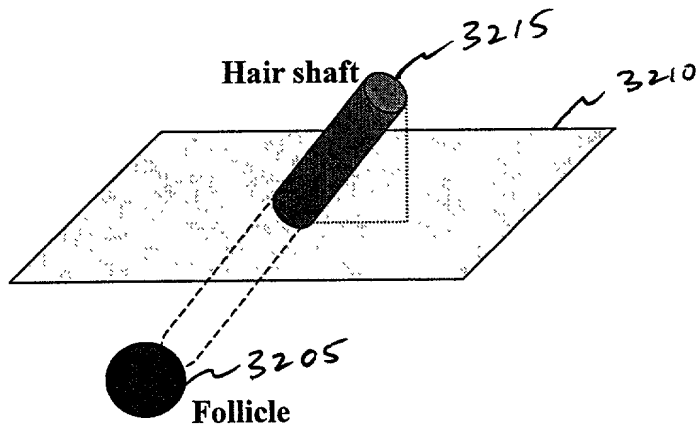
Blood  
Coagulation



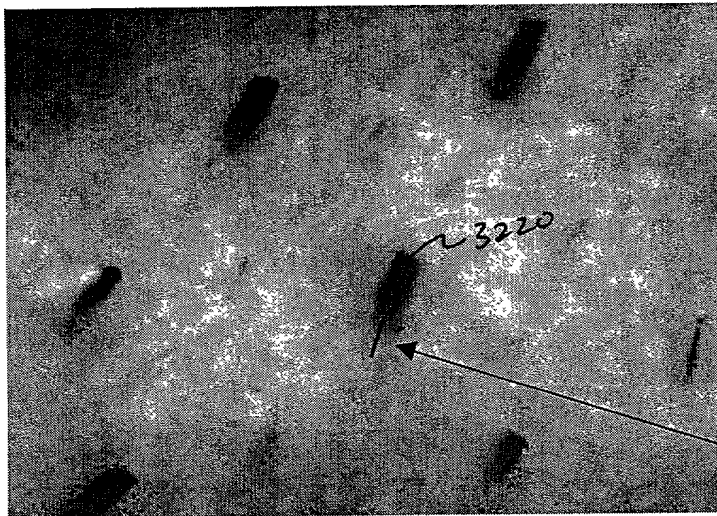
Laser  
path

*Close-up view showing coagulated blood vessels*

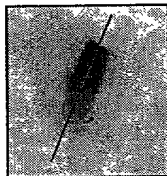
**FIG. 31**



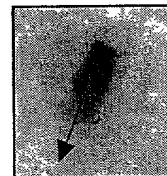
**FIG. 32A**



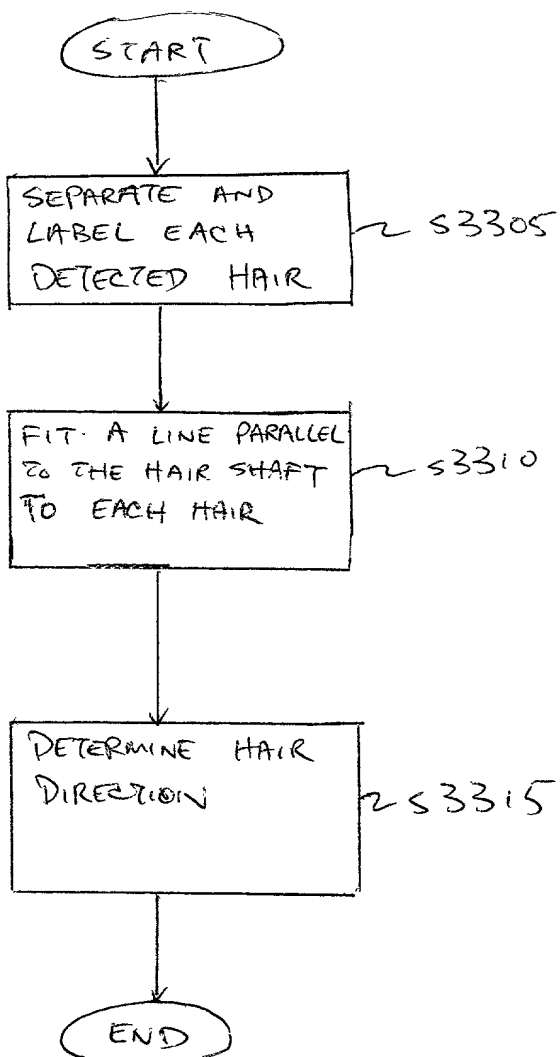
**FIG. 32B**



**FIG. 32C**



**FIG. 32D**

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Fig. 33